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TO THE CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROTECTION
OF THE WORLD CULTURAL AND NATURAL HERITAGE

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Item 3 of the Provisional Agenda: Elections to the World Heritage Committee

Information document for the election of the World Heritage Committee

SUMMARY

This Document presents:

1. The resolution adopted at the 13th General Assembly of States Parties to the *World Heritage Convention* on equitable representation in the World Heritage Committee.
2. The list of States Parties with no property inscribed on the World Heritage List as of 15 September 2005

This Document should be read in conjunction with Documents *WHC-05/15.GA/3* and *WHC-05/15.GA/INF.3D*.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE 13TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF STATES PARTIES ON THE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION IN THE WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE¹

The General Assembly,

Recalling Article 8, paragraph 2, of the Convention which stipulates that “Election of members of the Committee shall ensure an equitable representation of the different regions and cultures of the world”;

Recalling Article 9 of the Convention which stipulates that “The term of office of States members of the World Heritage Committee shall extend from the end of the ordinary session of the General Conference during which they are elected until the end of its third subsequent ordinary session”;

Recalling the Resolution of the 7th General Assembly of States Parties (1989);

Considering the representivity of the World Heritage List could be enhanced through the increased participation in the work of the Committee of States Parties whose heritage is currently unrepresented in the List;

Considering that the strong interest of States Parties in participating in the work of the World Heritage Committee could be addressed by a more frequent rotation of Committee members;

Invites the States Parties to the World Heritage Convention, to voluntarily reduce their term of office from six to four years;

Encourages States Parties that are not members of the Committee to make use of their right to participate in meetings of the World Heritage Committee as observers;

Discourages States Parties from seeking consecutive terms of office in the World Heritage Committee;

Decides that before each election of Committee members, the President of the General Assembly of States Parties will inform States Parties of the situation of the representation of regions and cultures in the World Heritage Committee and World Heritage List;

Decides to amend its Rules of Procedure as follows:

New Rule to be inserted after Rule 13.1

A certain number of seats may be reserved for States Parties who do not have sites on the World Heritage List, upon decision of the World Heritage Committee at the session that precedes the General Assembly. Such a ballot for reserved seats would precede the open ballot for the remaining seats to be filled. Unsuccessful candidates in the reserved ballot would be eligible to stand in the open ballot.

Amendment to existing Rule 13.8 (new text in bold)

13.8 Those States obtaining in the first ballot the required majority shall be elected, unless the number of States obtaining that majority is greater than the number of seats to be filled. In that case, the States obtaining the greatest number of votes, up to the number of seats to be filled, shall be declared elected. ~~If the number of States obtaining the majority required is less than the number of seats to be filled, there shall be a second ballot, followed by a third and, if necessary a fourth, to fill the remaining seats.~~ **If the number of States obtaining the majority required is less than the number of seats to be filled, there shall be a second ballot. If the number of States obtaining the majority required is still less than the number of seats to be filled there shall be a third and, if necessary a fourth ballot, to fill the remaining seats. For the third and fourth ballots, the voting shall be restricted to the States obtaining the greatest number of votes in the previous ballot, up to a number twice that of the seats remaining to be filled.**

Decides that this resolution should be implemented immediately.

¹ See paragraph 86 of the Report of the 13th General Assembly of States Parties (Document WHC-03/14.GA/INF.1)

**LIST OF STATES PARTIES WITH NO PROPERTY
INSCRIBED ON THE WORLD HERITAGE LIST***

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| 1. Angola | 24. Mauritius |
| 2. Antigua and Barbuda | 25. Micronesia (Federated States of) |
| 3. Barbados | 26. Monaco |
| 4. Bhutan | 27. Myanmar |
| 5. Burkina Faso | 28. Namibia |
| 6. Burundi | 29. Niue |
| 7. Cape Verde | 30. Palau |
| 8. Chad | 31. Papua New Guinea |
| 9. Comoros | 32. Qatar |
| 10. Congo | 33. Rwanda |
| 11. Eritrea | 34. Saint Vincent and the
Grenadines |
| 12. Fiji | 35. Samoa |
| 13. Gabon | 36. San Marino |
| 14. Grenada | 37. Saudi Arabia |
| 15. Guyana | 38. Sierra Leone |
| 16. Jamaica | 39. Tajikistan |
| 17. Kiribati | 40. Tonga |
| 18. Kuwait | 41. Trinidad and Tobago |
| 19. Kyrgyzstan | 42. United Arab Emirates |
| 20. Lesotho | 43. Vanuatu |
| 21. Liberia | |
| 22. Maldives | |
| 23. Marshall Islands | |

* As of 15 September 2005, also see Document 33 C/REP/14